

Senate Resolution 87

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Williams of the 19th, Thomas of the 54th, Wiles of the 37th, Johnson of the 1st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Bruce Grube on his retirement; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Bruce Grube has provided a decade of leadership to Georgia Southern
3 University during his tenure as president; and
- 4 WHEREAS, during Dr. Grube's time as Georgia Southern's president, the school has
5 experienced great strides in enrollment, academic quality, and campus expansion; and
- 6 WHEREAS, since Dr. Grube began at Georgia Southern in 1999, student enrollment has
7 increased over 22 percent to a record 17,764 students, while retention rates have also
8 increased an amazing 15.7 percent, bringing overall retention to 81 percent; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the dedication and contributions of Dr. Grube have resulted in national
10 recognition for Georgia Southern over the last ten years, including being named an America's
11 Best College by *Forbes*, a Top 100 Value in Public Colleges and Universities by Kiplinger,
12 and both a *U.S. News and World Report* National University and Best Graduate School; and
- 13 WHEREAS, over the last decade, Dr. Grube has founded two colleges on behalf of Georgia
14 Southern, the College of Information Technology in 2001 and the Jiann-Ping Hsu College
15 of Public Health in 2004; and
- 16 WHEREAS, under the direction of Dr. Grube, a copious number of educational programs
17 and degrees have been added to Georgia Southern's stellar curriculum, such as an online
18 degrees in Nursing, Information Technology, and Kinesiology, a bachelor's degree program
19 in Regional Economic Development, a Web MBA, and doctoral programs in Psychology,
20 Public Health, and Nursing; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Dr. Grube undertook major campus improvement and expansion projects while
22 at Georgia Southern, with more than \$150 million in total improvements; and

23 WHEREAS, during Dr. Grube's tenure, Georgia Southern's campaign for National
24 Distinction raised \$53.1 million, the University Foundation's endowment grew from \$21
25 million to nearly \$40 million over eight years, and the School of Economic Development was
26 founded; and

27 WHEREAS, the quality of education provided at Georgia Southern has also been recognized
28 with great honors during Dr. Grube's time with the university, including the Master of
29 Business Administration and the Master of Accounting programs featured in *The Princeton*
30 *Review's* "Best Business Schools"; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Grube has also seen great feats within the athletic department while at
32 Georgia Southern, including NCAA Tournament appearances for the golf, softball, and
33 volleyball teams, two FCS national championships for the football team, a National
34 Cheerleading Association Championship title for cheerleading, three NCAA Regional
35 appearances for baseball, and the Walter Payton Award earned by Georgia Southern students
36 Adrian Petersen and Jayson Foster; and

37 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored to have such a motivated and hard-working
38 individual as one of its citizens, and Dr. Grube's numerous contributions to Georgia Southern
39 University have helped this state excel in the area of higher education.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
41 commend Dr. Bruce Grube for his years of service to Georgia Southern University and
42 extend best wishes for an enjoyable and well-deserved retirement.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
44 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Bruce Grube.